

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Richard BECKMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 60/290,401	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: May 11, 2001	)	
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For: LOST 2 – A POSITIONING SYSTEM	)	
FOR UNDERWATER VESSELS	)	
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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly replace the current specification with the enclosed substitute specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly replace claims 1, 7 and 16 with the following amended claims.

1. (AMENDED) A system for the accurate determination of the position of an underwater vehicle comprising:

a sea borne position marker having a known position;

at least one underwater vehicle acoustically coupled to the single position marker;